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Editorial

New year's message

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Time flies and never stops. As this new year begins, the Chinese Nursing Association (CNA) and myself are happy to express our grateful appreciation to all of the editors who generously contributed their time and expertise and to all of our authors who provided such high quality research; each of these individuals was instrumental in promoting the reputation of the *International Journal of Nursing Sciences* (IJNSS) and in ensuring its continued success! We also wish to thank the current president of the International Council of Nurses (ICN), as well as the presidents of all of the ICN member units and our international colleagues for your diligent and professional support! Each and every one of you deserves a very happy New Year!

In 2014, the CNA began exploring new opportunities for innovation in the field of nursing sciences and developing them. These efforts have facilitated substantial advancements in CNA's capabilities to promote more effective and efficient services, so that we may better serve society and government, better collaborate with workers in science and technology, and increase our own self-development. These efforts also allowed the CNA to make significant progress in our ability to provide high quality service to our nursing colleagues, who currently number 3 million.

The IJNSS peer-reviewed periodical was founded by the CNA in 2014 as an English language nursing scholarship journal. Keeping in line with its mission of creating, developing, and publishing high quality research and current topics in the nursing sciences, the IJNSS has its foundations in pursuing truth and integrity in publishing to provide guidance to our international and national nursing colleagues. The IJNSS was structured as an international communication platform through which Chinese nursing research will be introduced to a global audience and promote advances in nursing scholarship.

Also in 2014, the ICN launched its 4-year (2014–2018) strategic plan, entitled 'Closing the Gap'. In this plan, the ICN identified the following 4 issues for action: global voice, strategic leadership, policy impact, and diversification. The IJNSS publication will coincide with the ICN's development of international nursing through this 4-year plan, connecting the strategic goals of the ICN and creating new reporting directions for research papers. Ultimately, the IJNSS and the CNA will support the shift from nursing research in China towards a more international scale.

We are certain that the concerted efforts of the CNA, the IJNSS, and the ICN will make 2015 a significant year for Chinese nursing development. The CNA will push itself further than ever before in its efforts to create innovative strategies for nursing and communication and, as a result, will lead our Chinese nursing staff to make significant contributions to human health in our nation as well as across the globe!

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